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COMMISSION GIVES QUICK APPROVAL TO FACILITY TO RUSH NATURAL GAS TO CALIFORNIA

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission today issued a certificate to Kern River Transmission Company authorizing the construction of facilities needed to deliver 135,000 Mcf per day of natural gas to California this summer. The natural gas will help generate electricity and meet other consumer needs.

The certificate issued today comes only three weeks after the company filed its application.

Chairman Curt L. Hébert, Jr. said, "Our rapid certification of these facilities is evidence that we are prepared to do whatever we can to rush supplies to the West Coast markets. My fellow commissioners, William L. Massey and Linda K. Breathitt, pulled together with staff's assistance to give priority to the West's energy needs. I am very grateful to them on this score."

Commission staff coordinated regulatory efforts with federal and state agencies to ensure that the process moved expeditiously. All the involved agencies worked with staff in a collaborative, pre-filing effort to simultaneously rather than sequentially complete necessary actions.

The proposal by Kern River Transmission Company includes three new compressor stations and upgraded facilities at three existing compressor stations and an existing meter station. These facilities will bring gas from Wyoming to California.

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